

## DELAWARE EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL

### Meeting Notes

March 8, 2013

NCC-DDS Training Site- Fox Run, Bear

Members in Attendance: Dan Rich, April Hill Addison, Heidi Beck, Cheryl Clendaniel, Harriet Dichter, Debbie Gottschalk, John Fisher Klein, Leslie Newman, Melia Anderson, Mary Kate Mouser, Dan Curry, Paula Holloway, Paul Harrell, Jim Lesko

Others in Attendance: Sherlynn Aurelio, Janet Cornwell, Sara Kelley, Anna Maloney, Carol Ann Schumann, Kelly Sherretz, Kathy Wilson, Debbie Taylor, Betty Olmstead, Monica Burnett, Marleen Waples, Elizabeth Timm, Ann Wick, Evelyn Keating, Carmen Gallagher, Michele Corkell, Tibor Toth, Chris Kelly, Tony Ruggiero

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes  
Minutes from January 8, 2013 meeting were approved.
3. April's Meeting is canceled
4. Debbie Gottschalk discussed the impacts of the sequester on Early Childhood. Information was still being reported on and they could not say at this time how cuts would affect all the programs. Possibly another update at the Council meeting in May.
  - Cuts have a ripple effect
  - Delaware will lose 1.4 million
5. Tibor Toth presented the Workforce Study Early Childhood Survey results including data that was collected and an explanation of the background for the data. Some of the highlights were on the average length in the field, benefits offered, salary, and education level. Recommendation if funding permitted, survey should be conducted every 2 to 3 years. Report is available on the council website. Discussion took place from the results of the survey
6. Tony Ruggiero and Kelly Sherretz presented a power point on the Needs Assessment Report. They briefly talked about the goals of the needs assessment and the methodology used to carry out the assessment. Recommendations were to encourage family child care providers to participate in Stars. The report will be on the council web site
7. Dan Rich gave a Strategic Plan update. The Strategic Plan was currently in the stage of receiving graphics. Draft with graphics would be presented to the IRMC meeting. Limited seats were available for the launch at the IMAX, so registration was encouraged as soon as possible. The Governor was confirmed to attend the event.
8. Next Meeting  
May 10, NCC-DDDS Training Site at Fox Run